

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EINV, SN, US  
SUBJECT: DRAFT INVESTMENT TREATY FOR SINGAPORE

REF: A) STATE 157078, B) SINGAPORE 2564

1. I WAS DISMAYED TO LEARN FROM REF A THAT SUBMISSION OF  
A DRAFT INVESTMENT TREATY TO THE GOS MAY BE DELAYED UNTIL  
AFTER THE US-ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN AUGUST. AS WE  
HAVE NOTED IN EARLIER CABLES, THE PRESIDENT PROMISED PRIME  
MINISTER LEE A DRAFT TREATY LAST OCTOBER largely as com-  
pensation for SINGAPORE'S LOSS OF OPIC COVERAGE. WE ASSUMED,  
AS WE ARE SURE THE GOS ALSO ASSUMED, THAT A DRAFT WOULD BE FORTH-  
COMING WITHIN A FEW WEEKS. I CANNOT HELP THINKING THAT THE  
PRESIDENT'S CREDIBILITY HAS ALREADY BEEN DAMAGED AND WILL SUFFER  
FURTHER IF THE GOS DOES NOT HAVE A DRAFT WELL BEFORE THE US-  
ASEAN MEETINGS. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, I SERIOUSLY WONDER  
WHETHER IT WOULD NOT BE BETTER TO INFORM THE GOS THAT WE ARE  
NOT READY AT THIS TIME TO GIVE THEM A DRAFT AND WILL LET THEM  
KNOW WHEN WE CAN DO SO, RATHER THAN PUTTING THEM OFF WITH  
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EXPLANATIONS OF THE DELAYS CAUSED BY OUR BUREAUCRATIC PROCESSES.

2. I WOULD, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE A PRIORITY REVIEW OF THE  
SITUATION BY THE OFFICERS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED TO FIND A WAY  
TO PRODUCE A DRAFT TEXT FOR THE GOS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.  
IT IS NOT THAT THE GOS IS EXPRESSING IMPATIENCE--THEY DID NOT  
REQUEST THE TREATY IN THE FIRST PLACE AND HAVE NOT ASKED

ABOUT IT FOR SOME TIME--BUT THAT IT MUST SEEM TO THE GOS  
THAT A PERSONAL PRESIDENTIAL COMMITMENT IS BEING TAKEN RATHER  
LIGHTLY BY THE USG. GIVING THEM A TEXT IMMEDIATELY BEFORE  
THE AUGUST US-ASEAN MEETINGS WILL SEEM A CONTRIVED WAY OF  
"DOING SOMETHING FOR SINGAPORE". ON THE OTHER HAND, IF WE  
DO NOT COME UP WITH A TEXT BY THEN, WE MAY FIND THE SUBJECT  
RAISED, AT LEAST BILATERALLY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE AGENDA'S  
ITEM ON OPIC AND OTHER INVESTMENT QUESTIONS.

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